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FOR AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE FROM SECRETARY

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS THE TEXT OF A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO THE EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT NOT INITIALLY INVITED AND EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INSERTIONS IN THE BODY OF THE MESSAGE AND TO DELIVER TO YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT (USEC TO ORTOLI) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR :

, CITY AS HEAD

CHANCELLOR BRANDT IN HIS CAPACITY AS HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MEMBER STATE AT PRESENT HOLDING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAS WRITTEN TO ME, IN RESPONSE TO MY LETTER OF JANUARY 9, OF THE COMMUNITY'S DECISION TO

ATTEND THE ENERGY CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 11. IN KEEPING WITH THE COMMUNITY'S DECISION, I AM VERY PLEASED TO INVITE (NAME OF COUNTRY) TO THIS CONFERENCE.

TODAY THE ENERGY SITUATION THREATENS TO UNLEASH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FORCES THAT COULD CAUSE SEVERE AND IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF THE WORLD. TWO ROADS LIE BEFORE US. WE CAN GO OUR OWN SEPARATE WAYS, WITH THE PROSPECT OF PROGRESSIVE DIVISION, THE EROSION OF VITAL INTERDEPENDENCE, AND INCREASING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONFLICT; OR WE CAN WORK IN CONCERT, DEVELOPING ENLIGHTENED UNITY AND COOPERATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND-- PRODUCER AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES ALIKE.

IT WAS WITH THESE THOUGHTS IN MIND THAT I ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IN HIS DECEMBER SPEECH
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TO THE SOCIETY OF PILGRIMS IN LONDON TO PROPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP AND TO URGE A CONCERTED ACTION PROGRAM AMONG CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS TO MEET THE WORLD'S ENERGY NEEDS IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD SATISFY THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE CONSUMING AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

THE MEETING OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CONSUMER NATIONS WHICH I HAVE PROPOSED BE HELD AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL IN WASHINGTON ON

FEBRUARY 11 1974 IS A FIRST STEP IN CARRYING OUT THIS CONCEPT. I PLAN TO SEND A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT THE SPECIFICS OF THIS MEETING INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS ON AGENDA AND SUBSTANCE.

OUR CONCEPT IS THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WOULD AGREE ON AN ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION AND THE WORK TO BE DONE. IT WOULD ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE DRAWN FROM THE CONSUMING COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD FORMULATE A CONSUMER ACTION PROGRAM. PART OF THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE CONCERNED WITH NEW COOPERATIVE MEASURES DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH THE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH OF GLOBAL ENERGY DEMAND AND TO ACCELERATE THE COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES. ANOTHER TASK WOULD BE TO DEVELOP A CONCERTED CONSUMER POSITION FOR A NEW ERA OF PETROLEUM

CONSUMER-PRODUCER RELATIONS WHICH WOULD MEET THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES WHILE ASSURING THE CONSUMER COUNTRIES ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AT FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICES.

IN CALLING FOR A MEETING OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CONSUMER COUNTRIES, WE ARE FULLY CONSCIOUS THAT THE ENERGY PROBLEM IS ONE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO ALL CONSUMING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD WHOSE HOPE FOR A BETTER LIFE CRITICALLY DEPENDS ON ACCESS TO ENERGY ON REASONABLE TERMS. WHEREAS OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS TO GET PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY AS PROMPTLY AND EFFECTIVELY

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AS POSSIBLE, CLEARLY THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONSUMERS, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WILL HAVE TO BE REPRESENTED IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER.

A CONCERTED EFFORT OF THIS KIND IS BUT A FIRST AND ESSENTIAL STEP TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AND RELATED ECONOMIC MATTERS. TO THIS END, A MEETING OF CONSUMER AND PRODUCER REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE HELD WITHIN 90 DAYS. I HAVE SENT PERSONAL MESSAGES TO THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE OPEC STATES TO ASSURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED MEETING OF CONSUMER STATES.

WE FACE A PROFOUND CHALLENGE TO TURN THIS PERIOD OF CRISIS INTO ONE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTIVE AND CREATIVE COOPERATION WHICH WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR REPLY

AND COMMENTS. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON.

END TEXT. KISSINGER

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